(a) whether it is a fact that there is long time demand of devotees going to visit Sai Baba in Shirdi that an airport be constructed in Shirdi with air connectivity to all major cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan to set up the airport at Shirdi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In February, 2006, Chairman of Shri Sai Baba Sansthan Vishwastavyavastha, Shirdi has sent a request in this regard.

(c) to (e) Government of Maharashtra through Maharashtra Airport Development Corporation (MADC) had got the area surveyed and identified a piece of 450 hectares of land for the airport near Shirdi towards Kopargaon. However, no proposal has been received by the Union Government, as yet, from the Government of Maharashtra, in this regard. Therefore, it will not be possible to indicate the details at this stage.

Helipads for commonwealth games

1555. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to have helipads in each of the nine districts of Delhi for the upcoming Commonwealth Games; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Ministry of Civil Aviation has decided to set up heliports/helipads in the country particularly in and around Delhi to meet the significant and growing demand for helicopter services and also in view of the ensuing Commonwealth Games. Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited (PHHL) has requested Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for allotment of land at Rohini, at Commonwealth Games Village site and Dusghara Village near Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa for this purpose. DDA has given in principle approval for helipad to be constructed by PHHL at Commonwealth Games Village site.

Rules for cabin crew

1556. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that individual airlines are now implementing the rules pertaining to Cabin Crew flight time limits, etc. as per the labour laws;

(b) if so, whether it is true that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has prepared a draft Civil Aviation Requirement Proposal for Cabin Crew in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Flight Duty Time and Flight Duty Time Limitation of Cabin Crew are governed by Directorate General